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SUBJECT: GOI MAY BE SEEKING COAST GUARD CUTTER IN EASTERN EUROPE

REF: REYKJAVIK 421

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. COMMUNIST CABINET MINISTER KJARTANSSON IN TODAY' S PRESS STATED THAT HIS COLLEAGUE FISHERIES MINISTER JOSEFSSON MAY BE SEEKING TO CHARTER COAST GUARD CUTTER FROM USSR OR POLAND FOR USE IN FISHERIES DISPUTE. END SUMMARY

2. REFTEL REPORTED THAT COMMUNIST FISHERIES MINISTER LUDVIK JOSEFSSON HAD INDICATED TO PRIMMIN JOHANNESSON THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN COAST GUARD CUTTERS FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO HELP REINFORCE REGULATION OF 50- MILE FISHING LIMITS IF CUTTER FROM USG WAS NOT OBTAINABLE.

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3. YESTERDAY'S PRESS REPORTED HAVANA RADIO BROADCAST THAT GOI WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN USG CUTTER. TODAY'S PRESS (ALTHYDUBLADID) REPORTS THAT COMMUNIST MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES MAGNUS KJARTANSSON IN AN INTERVIEW STATES HE FEELS CERTAIN THAT HIS COLLEAGUE JOSEFSSON WILL ATTEMPT TO CHARTER CUTTER FOR THE COAST GUARD DURING HIS PRESENT TRIP TO THE USSR AND POLAND. HE SAID " I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SUITABLE SHIP". JOSEFSSON WILL RETURN TO ICELAND BEFORE THE END OF MAY.

4. IT MAY BE CONCLUDED FROM THE FOREGOING THAT COMMUNIST MINISTERS' PRESSURE ON PRIMIN MAY HAVE LED TO APPROVAL FOR JOSEFSSON TO MAKE APPROACHES TO EE GOVERNMENTS. IRVING

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